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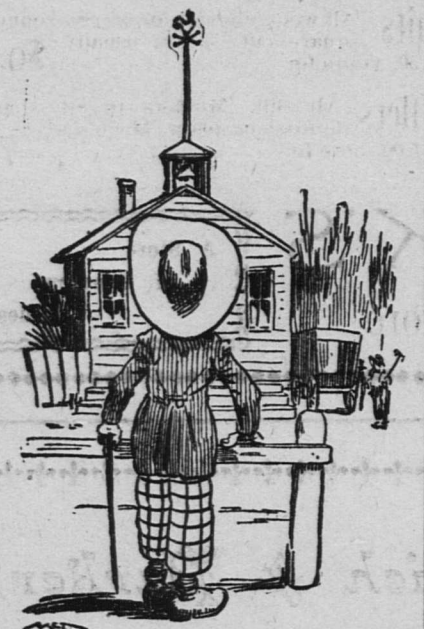
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## WASTED ELOQUENCE.

A LOT OF JERICHO ORATORY THAT COUNTED FOR NAUGHT.

Pap Perkins, the Postmaster, Tell Why the Discussion Over Announcing the Top of the Town Hall Tower Was Abruptly Ended.

[Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] Jericho has bin buildin a town hall fur the last six years. It was to hev a tower in the middle, and there has bin a good deal of discussion as to what should finish off that tower. Some stuck fur a gilt ball, some fur a rooster, some fur crossbars with the p'int of the compass on 'em. The town board wanted to please the majority, and a meetin was called one night last week to settle what the thing should be. Nobody realized how intense the feelin was till the meetin opened. Squar Joslyn headed the gilt ball party, and he got up and spoke fur 15 minits without stoppin to wipe the sweat off the back of his neck. He started in 250 years B. C. and come slippin down to now like soft soap glidin down the cellar stairs. He contended that a gilt ball on the top of a tower had allus bin considered an emblem of innocency. It would be the fust thing a stranger would look fur when enterin the town of Jericho. If he saw that gilt ball, he'd put up at the tavern and feel safe and go away



THE ROOSTER WAS AN EMBLEM OF GRIT AND INDEPENDENCE.

speakin well of the town. If he didn't, he'd set the folks down as vicious and desperate and drive on to Tarrytown or Dobbs Ferry. The squar wanted that ball as big as a pumpkin and he wanted real gold leaf fur glidin, and he closed his speech with an appeal to the people to continue to be innocent and happy. Deacon Spooner was chairman of the meetin, as usual, and when the squar set down the deacon said he'd made a p'int. Enos Williams was then called upon. He headed the faction who wanted a rooster. Enos didn't go as far back as the squar. He has asthma and is short of breath, and so he started out with Columbus to deliver America. He had bin readin up on roosters. He couldn't find that rooster was an emblem of innocency, but he didn't want no innocency on a court-house tower. The stranger would find innocency when he come to play checkers or trade horses with a Jericholain. The rooster was an emblem of grit and independence. He was a bird who went to bed at sundown, got up before sunrise and was hustlin around all day. A rooster on top of that tower would signify that Jericho could take care of herself and didn't bow down to any other town in the state. He was out of breath and had busted a suspender when he set down, and Deacon Spooner rapped with a cane and said:

"Enos has not only made a speech equal to anything Henry Clay ever got up, but he's made a thunderin' big p'int in favor of the roosterites. I was ag'in the rooster when I come here, but I've almost changed my mind. Let us hear from Silas Hokes."

Silas was one who wanted the p'int of the compass put up. He was born in Jericho when the town had but three houses and had bin turned around fur 60 years. The only way he could tell north from south or east from west was to make a black spot on Uncle Jim Green's barn door, and he never went to the back end of his own cornfield without gittin lost and hevin to whistle to his wife. His speech was up to date. "He didn't go but over six months. He said that what had allus kept her down was the want of knowin the compass p'int. He wasn't the only one who was turned around. Half the folks in town couldn't go huckleberrin without gittin lost and wanderin around all night. Hogs and dogs walked around in a circle because they was confused, and every time there was a lawsuit most of the witnesses said 'west fur east.' An emblem of innocency would be all right, and a rooster would be a thing of beauty, but both would be beaten by compass p'int."

"Silas has made a purty good speech and a purty good p'int," says the deacon, "and I'm sorter lettin go of the rooster and leamin to his side. Though I've lived in Jericho fur 22 years, I can't make out yit whether my pigpen is on the north or west side of the house. I'm understandin that Elisha Taylor has euntin to spring on this meetin, and we are ready to hear it."

Elisha was ready. He had bin watchin the growth of the town hall fur six long years, and he had had his eye on the tower day and night. He had looked at it from the street and from the roof of his barn. He had looked at it at noonday and equined at it at midnight and had come to one unalterable conclusion—he wanted the figger of a gilt angel to finish off that tower, and he wanted that angel to be p'intin upwards, same as on a gravestone he saw in Buffalo. The angel would signify the goodness of Jericho, and strangers would no longer stop and raise a row because they couldn't get a glass of beer or find any thing to take a hand at poker. Her p'intin upward would be an object lesson to the Sunday school children, and the sight of her would calm the feelin of a man about to lick his wife.

There was a howl of derision as Elisha set down, and the deacon said that no p'int had bin made. He was a deacon of the church and a good man, but he'd never consent to h'ist a gilt angel

## ON TOP OF THE TOWN HALL.

She might p'int upwards or downwards or any other way, but angels didn't belong on towers. He called upon Beverly Jones fur his views, and Beverly jumped up and declared himself in favor of the American eagle. If a rooster signified grit and independence, an eagle signified all that and a dozen things more. An eagle stood fur liberty, freedom and equal rights. It was the emblem of a glorious republic. Its wings sheltered the helpless as well as the strong, and its soft coo lulled the infant to sleep, while its scream sent the father to the field of battle to fight for the grandest principles of mankind. It was a rattlin speech, full of red-hot patriotism, and Deacon Spooner said that Daniel Webster never approached it in his palmest days. It didn't affect the other factions, however. They stuck out fur the gilt ball, the rooster, the compass p'int and the angel, and each one declared he'd fight to the bitter end.

As a compromise, Jim Shorely, who didn't care what they put up, moved fur a gilt goat, and Abraham Scott, who was goin to move away and had lost all interest, moved fur a monkey, but they was hooked down and everybody began to jam his elbows around and call everybody else a hog. There was every sign that the meetin would break up in a free fight, when there come a flash and an awful clap of thunder, and at the same time List Billings walked in to git out of the storm. Deacon Spooner appealed to him to save the honor of Jericho by bringin about harmony, and Lish looked around and replied:

"As I understand it, this crowd is divided as to what shall ornament the top of the city hall tower?" "That's it," yells everybody. "And you've bin jawin and speechin fur the last three hours without settin on any thing? Wal, I don't see no use of any more bein said."

"But what's your idea, Lish?" asks the deacon. "My idea is that that fust thunderbolt knocked your blamed old tower into a Continental cocked hat, and that you kin save your breath to pick up the silvers fur kindlin wood."

"And the crowd rushed out and found that Lish was k'rect." M. QUAD.

## THEIR NEIGHBORLY WAY.

Didn't Wait Long to Begin Borrowing Things.

A young woman of Washington birth and rearing, who has made her home for these three years past in a small Indiana town, says that for fact and accuracy she knows nobody to equal her neighbors out there. She had just settled herself in her new home when one day she heard a hen cackling in her back yard.

"I went out to see what could have brought a strange hen into her yard, and found that the fowl had just laid an egg in the woodbox outside the kitchen door. While she was still wondering where on earth the creature had come from the shock head of a thin and tall girl of 12 rose over the fence which divided the yard from the yard of the house next door."

"Hello," said the girl. "Good morning," answered the Washingtonian.

"You got plenty of eggs," remarked the girl. "Maw says you kin have that one hen jes' laid in that woodbox of yours."

"Thank you very much," said the Washingtonian. The girl still hung on the fence.

"We ain't goin to charge you nothin fer it," she went on.

"That's very kind, indeed," answered the new neighbor.

"It's a gift," remarked the girl. Then there was silence for a few moments. The girl still clung to her side of the fence.

"Say," she said finally, "maw says you're acquainted with us folks shew'd like to borrow a tack hammer."

Washington Post.

A Historic Die.

On the desk of the secretary of one of the oldest copper manufacturing firms in this city is a steel die which has served as a paperweight for 31 years, and the coins struck off by it are now, for the most part, in the hands of collectors. This die was used for striking copper tokens which symbolized the contest between President Andrew Jackson and the old United States Bank of Philadelphia in 1822. The engraving on the die represents President Jackson, sword in hand and apparently standing in a money chest. Around the central figure is stamped Jackson's expression. "I take the responsibility," which arose out of his controversies with the bank.

When this die was made, the predecessors of the present company not only manufactured copper wire, but also made a special feature of copper coins, chiefly for South American countries and for private business firms which made a practice of issuing them and copper coins to be redeemed by the bank. The die was used for striking and just preceding it many private corporations issued tokens which circulated as pennies, and some of them are now worth a great many times their original value to collectors.—New York Sun.

Paid His Debt.

When Joe Chamberlain entered the house of comfort, he was anxious to try his oratorical powers. A certain leading politician, who was piloting a bill through the house, was approached by one of Mr. Chamberlain's friends, who said:

"Chamberlain would like to speak on the bill. Can you give him a chance?" "Well, you know, I think it would not do. He's a new member, and nobody knows what the dickens he might say."

Time went on. Chamberlain gained ground—became a power in parliament. The leading politician, on the contrary, had made a series of blunders which had imperiled his position. An election was imminent. Forgetting his previous record, he thought that if he could get Mr. Chamberlain to speak for him he would strengthen his position. He, therefore, applied to the right honorable gentleman.

The latter calmly surveyed him through his eyeglasses and said:

"Well, you know, I think it would not do. I am a new member, and nobody knows what the dickens I might say."

The tongue is a little thing, but it fills the universe with trouble.

## AVERTED A SMASH UP

HIS SCHEME WAS SIMPLE AND THOROUGHLY EFFECTIVE.

A Safe Plan, Not Patented, That May Be Followed by Railroad Telegraph Operators Who Must Go to Sleep While on Duty.

"However tired or overworked he may be the railroad operator who allows trains to smash into each other while he pounds his ear is a brainless idiot," said William James, an old timer. "When I was a youngster I was in charge of a station down in Pennsylvania. I went to sleep on duty because I couldn't keep awake. Trains met there every hour or so, and I was the only person to run the business at that point. I went to sleep and slept six hours, and there wasn't any smash up or the slightest possibility of one so far as my station was concerned."

"I was 15 years old when I applied for a job to Superintendent Pittsford of the Philadelphia and Erie. He took me on immediately and sent me out to Kane. That was the place where Dr. Kane, the Arctic explorer, once lived, and it was named for him. Kane is on top of a mountain, with Wilcox at the bottom on one side and Wetmore on the other. Oil is the great product there, but in 1880 the traffic was in general freight. Big trains met at Kane, and for a small place the traffic was considerable."

"I was met at the station by a big, wild-eyed man, who said that he guessed I was the kid that was going to relieve him. He said he was glad to get out, but he guessed I'd like the work."

"You'll have the night trick," said he, "and you'll only have to be here from 6 p. m. to 7 a. m."

I looked up with dismay, but he was striding ahead into the station. He instructed me in my duties, told me of a country tavern about two miles away and then swung on to the train that had been waiting 20 minutes for him. The proprietor's wife seemed to take a motherly interest in me, and that afternoon when I started for work she had a bang up lunch of fried chicken and jam and things.

"When the day man relieved me the next morning, I put for the hotel and found it after tramping about for two hours and made arrangements to stay there. The proprietor's wife seemed to take a motherly interest in me, and that afternoon when I started for work she had a bang up lunch of fried chicken and jam and things."

"Well, that night about 11 o'clock I got hungry for that chicken and hauled out my lunch basket. I had just got things nicely spread out on the instrument table when in come a fat engineer."

"Hello, kid!" said he. "That's too good a feed for you. It'll give you bellyache, sure's the world."

"Wherever you put me on a supper, then on my legs and ate my supper. Then he got up, sucking his teeth, and said:

"See them woods over there?" pointing across the track. There wasn't anything else in sight. "Well, them woods is 40 miles long an 15 miles wide an chuck full o' berries. Go 'er, y'ousef t' death."

"He walked leisurely out to his engine, and I went to the lunch shanty just below the station and ate up two days' salary before I discovered how determined 't' keeper was to have plenty of money to support his old age."

"The next day I didn't go to the hotel, but staid near the station and plotted revenge. It was the custom to telegraph up from Wilcox the number of passengers who wanted meals at the Kane lunch shanty, and when I got the first message that night after vainly echoing all day, an idea struck me. The message read: '27 passengers on 27.' I made it read 28 and carried it to the lunch keeper, who fairly danced with glee at the unexpected rush. He undoubtedly saw a Fifth avenue mansion for his old age. Just as 27 pulled in I rushed into the shanty with a message purporting to have come from Wilcox saying that at the last moment 20 passengers had decided to stay there overnight to take part in a local political celebration. Flynn was furious and went to the conductor for corroboration. The latter heard with a gasp the story of the 28 prepared suppers and, remembering his own experiences with Flynn's prices on two or three occasions, simply shrugged his shoulders and said:

"How 'n I help it?" "Well, the loss of sleep that day and the excitement did me up, and about 11 o'clock I found I couldn't keep my eyes open. I took the red lantern and nailed the red ribbon to a tie in the middle of the track and went to the edge of the woods and lay down. When I awoke, the day operator, who had been dragged out of bed two hours ahead of time, was getting the Philadelphia and Erie railroad system into operation again after a six hour suspension of service."

"But there wasn't any smash up, and no lives had been lost, and I got a job two days afterward at Titusville."—New York Sun.

Gilbert's Satire.

W. S. Gilbert meeting the editor of Punch one day remarked as he was leaving him:

"By the bye, Burnand, I suppose a great number of funny stories are sent into your office?"

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Burnand, "thousands."

"Then, my dear fellow, why don't you publish them?" asked Mr. Gilbert as he put out his hand to say goodby.

Bolled water or distilled water should not be used either by grown people or children unless there is danger from contamination from the water in ordinary use. Pure cold water is preferable. A child may be given a glass of pool (never ice) water the first thing in the morning—say half an hour before breakfast, and may also take a glass on retiring.

Guessed Wrongly.

"What do you expect to do with all your money?" asked the multimillionaire's spiritual adviser. "You can't take it with you where you are going."

"Yes, but I can," answered the multimillionaire. "I am going to Europe."

Chicago Tribune.

Don't allow yourself to become melancholy. Laugh once in awhile, whether you are tickled or not.—Chicago News.

## SOMETHING ABOUT ARMIES.

Artillerymen Were Once Regarded as Mechanics, Not Soldiers.

Until the time of Charles XII of Sweden the artillery was not considered a part of the army. The men serving in it were not soldiers, but regarded as mechanics. The officers had no army rank. Charles XII gave artillery officers a rank and regularly organized the artillery into companies. The battle of Pavia demonstrated the superiority of the gun in the hands of the Spanish infantry. The musket carried a two ounce ball and sometimes brought down at one fire two or three mailed knights. The French sent a flag of truce to remonstrate against the use of such barbarous weapons.

Alexander had four kinds of cavalry—the cataphracts, or heavy armed horse; the light cavalry, carrying spears and very light armor; the acrobats, or mounted archers, used for outposts, patrols and reconnoitering duty, and the diaphnoses, or troops expected to act as cavalry or infantry. Alexander the Great reorganized his father's army. The file or lachos of 16 men was the unit; two files made a diloch; two diloches made a tetrach; two tetrachs a tetrachy; two of these a syntagma; 16 of these a small phalanx; four of these a tetra-phalanx, otherwise known as a large phalanx.

The Greeks attacked in a phalanx, spears interlocked and shields overlapping. After the first onset the spears were dropped, and the day was decided with the sword. The cavalry attacked the enemy in the rear, if possible, and, in case of victory, undertook the pursuit.—Pearson's Weekly.

Not the Conventional Woman.

"But I don't know you, madam," the bank cashier said to the woman who had presented a check.

But this woman, instead of saying haughtily, "I do not wish your acquaintance, sir," merely replied with an engaging smile:

"Oh, yes, you do, I think. I'm the 'redheaded old virago' next door to you whose 'secondarily little boys' are always reaching through the fence and picking your flowers. When you started down town this morning, your wife said: 'Now, Henry, if you want a dinner fit to eat this evening, you'll have to leave me a little money. I can't run this house on the city water and 10 cents a day.'"

"Here's your money, madam," said the cashier, pushing it toward her and coughing loudly.—Chicago Tribune.

What the Tots Said.

Here are some sayings of children reported by the Chicago News:

"When small Bobby had worn his first pair of trousers for an hour, he went to his mother and begged to have them on his legs again. 'What for?' she asked. 'Because,' replied Bobby, 'I feel too lonesome in pants.'"

"A mother recently had occasion to leave her little 4-year-old son alone at home while she made a brief call in the neighborhood. 'Did you get lonesome, dear?' she asked upon her return. 'Yes, mamma,' replied the little fellow. 'I felt just like a widower without you.'"

Diplomacy Wins.

Ardent Sutor—I lay my fortune at your feet.

Fair Lady—Fortune! I didn't know you had money.

Ardent Sutor—I haven't much, but it takes very little to cover those tiny feet.

He got her.—London Telegraph.

The average man will pay 50 cents to see a show of fireworks and neglect to look at the sunset, which he can see almost every night for nothing.—Louisville Journal.

WEARING EYEGLASSES.

The Knack of Balancing Them Properly on the Nose.

A young man who had purchased a pair of eyeglasses at a local optician's the other day was complaining to the clerk that he couldn't keep them on.

"They are continually falling off," he said, "and are really getting to be a first class nuisance. Don't you think it would help things if you tightened up the spring a little?"

"No, I wouldn't advise you to alter the spring," replied the clerk. "It's so tight now that it is scarring your nose. If you'll only be patient for a few days, I think you'll learn to wear these glasses all right."

"If you're still having trouble with them I'll fit you out with a pair of spectacles."

"What do you mean by 'learning to wear' these eyeglasses?" asked a man who happened to be standing within earshot after the customer had walked out. "Is it a trick that has to be acquired by practice?"

"Certainly it is," replied the clerk. "Wearing eyeglasses is something that has to be learned, just like riding a bicycle. The fact is, they are simply feet of balance. The shape of the nose has very little to do with it," continued the clerk, "and isn't worth taking into consideration in selecting a pair of glasses. But if a man has a nose like the fellow in the picture, he couldn't make eyeglasses stay there at all."

"Until he acquired the knack of keeping them in place by balance they would be falling off every time he made a sudden movement, no matter how tightly he screwed up the spring. Once the trick is mastered, however, there is no further trouble. People who wear eyeglasses habitually and who may be regarded as experts keep the spring very loose. The glasses rest on the bridge of the nose as lightly as a feather, but they never come off. I once saw a nearsighted man fall down two flights of stairs and get up with his glasses still firmly in place. How is it done? Dear me, I don't know! How do people learn to walk the tight rope?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Great Baby.

Tommy—Did you know about that baby that was fed on elephant's milk, pop, and gained 20 pounds a day?

Tommy's Pop (indignantly)—No, I didn't. Whose baby was it?

Tommy—The elephant's baby, pop.—Scraps.

There are only three remaining of the original 13 crosses built by King Edward I to mark the resting place of Queen Eleanor's funeral procession. One is near Northampton, one Waltham Cross, the third at Charing Cross.

## HIS START IN LIFE.

IT WAS A GOOD ONE AND WAS THRUST ON HIM BY ACCIDENT.

The Incident Wouldn't Have Happened if a Short-sighted Real Estate Auctioneer Had Not Forgotten His Eyeglasses.

"I owe my start in life to the fact that an estimable old gentleman forgot to put his eyeglasses in his pocket one morning," said a prosperous business man from a sister city. "It's rather a curious story," he went on, "and I'll tell it as briefly as possible. A good many years ago, when I was a young fellow of 25 or thereabouts, I drifted into Louisville in search of a job that didn't materialize, and the upshot of it was that I found myself practically broke in a strange city. Up to that time I had always worked for small wages and had never succeeded in accumulating as much as \$50, but I had an abiding faith that if I could once get hold of a modest stake I could launch out for myself and make some money."

"One morning, when I was wandering about with only two or three silver dollars in my pocket, looking for a chance to go to work at anything that might offer, I dropped into a big down stairs room where some real estate was being sold at auction. A large crowd was present, and there was an indescribable feeling of tension in the air that warned me something unusual was about to happen."

"While I was standing there, only vaguely interested, the auctioneer, who was quite an elderly gentleman, put up a piece of improved city property directly at me, and I made a gesture of denial. 'Thank you!' he exclaimed, 'but your own good judgment will tell you that you can't do much bidding with such a name as Della Miller.'—Chicago Tribune.

Four miles from Bath, England, is a mysterious monument known as the Three Shires Stone. From it you can see parts of Somersetshire, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

In the center of the plaza in Lima is a pretty bronze fountain that was erected in 1578, a gift from some noble Spaniard, and is probably the oldest fountain in America.

Difficulties In the Way.

"I will make your name a blessing and a byword!" savagely spoke the rejected lover.

"You may make it a byword," the proud beauty remarked with majestic contempt, "but your own good judgment will tell you that you can't do much bidding with such a name as Della Miller."—Chicago Tribune.

Does any gentleman bid \$2,500? He looked directly at me, and I made a gesture of denial. "Thank you!" he exclaimed, "but your own good judgment will tell you that you can't do much bidding with such a name as Della Miller."—Chicago Tribune.

"Make it \$2,500!" he shouted. "Does any gentleman bid \$2,500? He looked directly at me, and I made a gesture of denial. 'Thank you!' he exclaimed, 'but your own good judgment will tell you that you can't do much bidding with such a name as Della Miller.'—Chicago Tribune.

"The auctioneer looked at the clock. 'All right,' he replied, 'I'll give you that limit.'"

"Then I took a desperate chance. I pushed through the crowd, which was already interested in the next sale, and beckoned to a little fat man who had been one of the loudest kickers a few moments before.

"Look here," I said, drawing him aside. "Do you want to be my silent partner for an hour or so?"

"What do you mean?" said he.

"I gave him the truth in a dozen words. 'Now let me have that \$500 deposit money,' I added, 'and we'll share the profits, whatever they are.'"

"The little man looked at me shrewdly. 'This is a big joke on all of us,' he said, grinning, 'and I guess I'll risk the deal.'"

"At the same time he counted out \$500 and put it in my hands. I raced back to the desk with the cash, clinched the sale and before noon had the deed in my possession. Then, to make a long story short, my silent partner offered me \$1,000 cash for my interest, and as \$1,000 looked about as big as a mountain at that stage of the game I promptly accepted. That thousand, fortunately placed, gave me the start that has kept me going ever since."

"But what about the eyeglasses, did you say? Why, the auctioneer, as I afterward learned, was very near-sighted, and on the morning to which I refer he had forgotten his glasses. That was why he mistook my gesture of disavowal for a sign of assent and forced me, in spite of myself, into a good thing. I never understood the exact true inwardness of the deal, but the facts in the rough were that a clique of speculators had formed a combine to keep down prices, but, owing to some misunderstanding, failed to bid promptly on the property which I secured. The auctioneer was on to the game and anxious to break it up; hence his precipitancy in knocking down the lot to your truly. I heard, later on, that my partly silent partner made \$8,000 out of the transaction, but I didn't begrudge him the money. The \$500 he gave me on faith that morning was worth fully 10 per cent a minute."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Just as Advertised.

"But suppose," one of the spectators said, "the parachute should fall to open after you have detached it from the balloon—what then?"

"That wouldn't stop me," answered the daring aeronaut. "I'd come right on down."—Chicago Tribune.

Something very similar to the telephone was used in China 1,000 years ago.

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## BEAUTY.

Beauty was born of the world's desire For the wandering water, the wandering fire; Under the arch of her burning feet She has trodden a world full of bitterness.

The blood of the violet is in her veins; Her pulse has the passion of April rains. Out of the heart of a satin flower God made her eyelids in one sweet hour.

Out of the wind he made her feet That they might be lovely and luring and fleet; Out of a cloud he wove her hair Heavy and black and the rain held there.

What is her name? There's none that know— Mother of Michael or Mouth of Rose. What is her pathway? None may tell, But it climbs to heaven, and it dips to hell.

The garment on her is mist and fire, Anger and sorrow and heart's desire. Her forehead jewels an amethyst; The garland to her is love in a mist.

It is a child in the heart of the stone, And one dark rose for her flower has grown, Filled to the brim with the strength of the sun. A passionate rose, and only one.

The bird in her breast struts all day long A wonderful, vital, whispering song; The song that is of all passing things: None know it—winkles or born with wings.—Nora Hopper.

Then She Blushed.

In the days when the late Countess of Dartmouth was taking out her daughters—the Ladies Legge—one evening at Stafford House, it fell to the lot of a somewhat deaf functionary to announce the trio. "Lady Dartmouth" called out the man, who had only caught half the sentence. "And the Ladies Legge!" repeated her ladyship. "And the lady's legs!" echoed the servant.

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## MINES ON MOTHER LODE

## Fremont to Have a Sixty-Stamp Mill.

## OLD WORKINGS TAPPED IN THE LOYD MINE

## Draper Underground Improvements. Ledge Struck in the Dutch. The Ribbon Rock.

**Kirkwood-Jackson.**  
Sinking began at the Kirkwood mine the first of the month, and it will be continued with a full force indefinitely. The stockholders are very sanguine of developing a dividend payer.

**Peerless-Jackson.**  
The prospects at the Peerless mine grow better and better. The shaft is down about 550 feet, and Supt. Osborne is highly pleased with the showing.

**Fremont Consolidated-Amador.**  
Sinking continues in the Fremont shaft, and crosscutting to the west for the vein is in progress. At the Governor the old shaft is being cleaned out and re timbered. Next spring two air compressors of 250 horse power each will be installed, and during the year 1901 a 60-stamp mill will be erected.

**Gwin-Paloma.**  
The recent clean-up at the Gwin mine is very encouraging, amounting to a trifle over \$47,000. The outlook for the Gwin is evidently very bright.

## CALAVERAS COUNTY.

**Citizen.** Work has been commenced at the Emerson quartz mine near Mokelumne Hill, the water pipes having been laid and the hoisting of water from the shaft commenced last Thursday.

The Petticoat property, in the Railroad Flat mining district, shows large quantities of high grade ore and everything is progressing in a most favorable manner. Recently 400 tons of ore were crushed and yielded 800,000. Good mines are all around the property and Railroad Flat has a brilliant future in her mining interests.

On the Sunrise, which is situated at Railroad Flat and is superintended by Clyde Weatherwax, a new steam hoist is being put up and development work about the mine is progressing satisfactorily. At the bottom of the shaft high-grade ore has been found and the sinking will be continued. The Last Chance is working, and work will be resumed on the Paragon also.

The new shaft of the Birdena mine, now down about seventy feet, will be sunk deeper when the new steam hoist is in operation, which will be in the course of a few days. Plenty of good ore has been found. W. W. Cook, the promoter of the Birdena, has also banded the Creighton ranch property for the Birdena people, and will also develop that property, which lies west of the Birdena. Large deposits of ore have been found on this property and it promises well from the surface indications.

A heavy flow of water from some old workings was unexpectedly tapped in the shaft of the Lloyd, on Central Hill near San Andreas, this week and drove the force from the mine and necessitated a temporary suspension of operations. The water is supposed to come from the Old Union shaft, and the flow was so great that the pumps were unable to keep it out of the shaft, and after working hard for thirty-six hours and a steady gain of water being noticeable in the shaft, it was decided to suspend operations for a time and put in pumping machinery of a much greater capacity than that at present employed. The prospects were of the brightest when this unforeseen state of affairs presented itself, and it is much to be regretted by all. However, Mr. Palmer, who has the mine in bond, knows the surrounding country well and has much faith in the Lloyd and will soon again go ahead in the work of development.

**Mountain Echo:** The mill at the Demaree mine is running day and night crushing ore from the 400 and 600 foot levels. The mine looks better than ever, and we hope to chronicle a large yield at the next clean-up.

## TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

**Mother Lode:** The Draper mine, which has long been known as a first-class property, is now undergoing improvements to put it in condition to yield up its riches. A large Cornish pump has been installed, which will handle all the water likely to be encountered. A ditch has been completed to bring in all the water needed to run hoist, mill and batteries. The mine is to be equipped with the very latest apparatus for safe and easy working and the owners, as well as the general manager, L. Lahaise, seem determined to place the property in such condition that when once started up, no time will be lost from accidents to poor machinery or insufficient supplies. The owners of the Draper are also controllers of the Starr King, one of the best properties on the east belt, and the same liberal methods are being employed in fitting the latter mine as in the Draper. The owners are now on the ground and have thoroughly examined their properties. They are putting in their money intelligently, in a business like way as they would engage in manufacturing or any other legitimate enterprise, and they will be rewarded. When everything is ready for it, a mill will be erected on the Draper.

A boiler, pump and other machinery were unloaded at the depot this week for the Golden West mine, and were later taken to the mine.

A. C. Morrison is now general manager of the Crystalline mine near Jamestown, and has appointed Thomas

Mickel as foreman. The property is a good one, and with good management, should be a producer.

At the Santa Ysabel a hoist has been put on No. 2 shaft and connections will soon be made between Nos. 1 and 2 and hoisting will go on through both shafts. The mine is now free from water and active operations are to be resumed.

Hal J. Sixty of the Spring Gulch mine arrived in Sonoma Wednesday evening. He has been quite ill and has not yet recovered. He reports that sinking has been started on the mine, and that development work is being rapidly pushed.

The ledge has been struck on the 1000 foot level of the Dutch mine, the ore being richer and the vein wider than above. The length of the shoot is not yet accurately known. A raise has been started from the 1000 level to meet a vein which is being sunk from the 900 level. This will furnish ventilation. The canvas for the canvas plant has arrived and the cyanide plant may start at any time. Superintendent Trittenbach is much pleased with the prospects of the property which, he thinks, are brighter than at any time in its history.

## EL DORADO COUNTY.

**Nugget:** At the Ribbon Rock, drifting is being continued and is now about 200 feet south of the shaft. The middle of this week the ledge came in and shows fine ore. The operators are highly pleased with the outlook for the property.

**Democrat:** All the miners at the Zentgraf mine were laid off temporarily the past week the ditch having broken in consequence of the heavy rains.

The Tip Top mine at Michigan Flat has resumed operations.

Articles of Incorporation were filed in the Secretary of State's office the past week, for the Carey Mining and Milling Co. Principal place of business Oakland. Directors—Wilson Carey of Josephine, El Dorado county; F. Hall, J. P. Townes, C. R. Root and H. P. Smith of Oakland. Capital stock, \$100,000; subscribed, \$50,000.

Uriah Stroup is working over an old tailings' pile on his place in the Mormon Island district. He has associated with him in the work Messrs. Hoke and Hart.

## Features of the President's Message.

Full expiation for the real culprits in China imperative within the rational limits of retributive justice, adequate guarantees for liberty of faith and increased guarantees of security for foreign rights and immunities, are the essential features in the settlement of the Chinese trouble.

Lynching must not be tolerated in the United States.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty commended to the early attention of the Senate.

Reciprocity conventions should be approved.

Duty of Congress to provide whatever further legislation is needed to insure continued parity between gold and silver.

Party in power committed to legislation to better make the currency responsible to the varying needs of business.

War taxes should be reduced \$30,000,000 a year.

American merchant marine should receive Federal aid.

Restraint upon such trade combinations as are injurious and which are within Federal jurisdiction should be promptly applied by Congress.

Legislation for Philippines should be along the lines of building up enduring, self-supporting and self-administering communities.

Pacific cable needed under American control.

President should have authority to increase army to 100,000.

Grade of vice admiral in navy should be restored.

National naval reserve should be established.

Consensus experts should be retained in Government service.

Amendments should be made to alien contract law.

Needed appropriations should be made to enable Civil Service Commission to carry on its work.

Provision should be made for Hall of Records for Government archives in Washington.

## St. Augustine's Church Bazaar.

The Daughters of the King will hold their bazaar on Friday, the 14th, day and evening. The young society has been working hard to make it a success. There will be several tables with fancy articles, useful articles, also a fine selection of dolls and many other things for Christmas gifts. Also booths for candy, fruit, ice-cream, etc. etc. Sandwiches and coffee will be served. Remember the day and evening of the bazaar—Friday, Dec. 14.

## Many a Lover

Has turned with disgust from an otherwise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the breath by its action on the bowels, etc., as nothing else will. Sold for years on absolute guarantee. Price 50c and 90c. For sale by A. Goldner, the Druggist.

## Died Suddenly.

Jose M. Bermudez, better known as "Spanish Joe," died in his cabin, near the Aljama mine, last Saturday morning. He was born in Chili and came to California in 1852. He has followed mining most of the time since. He was about 56 years of age. His funeral was held at the Catholic church last Sunday afternoon. His only known relative here is a cousin named John Ponce, better known as "Spanish Johnny," who was living with him at the time of his death.

## The Finest Building Lots.

Remember that W. P. Peek has the finest building lots for sale in Jackson. Terms easy. See display advertisement in this paper. 3-2-tf

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best, 4-9-tf

## Our Delegation in Congress.

When Congress met at noon last Monday, Dec. 3, Senators Perkins and Bard were each recipients of large bunches of cut flowers, while the five members of the California delegation in the House who had arrived, as they sat at their desks, were almost hidden behind huge bouquets. Representatives Barham and Waters had not yet reached the capital, but were expected before the close of the week. Messrs. Loud, Metcalf, Kahn, Needham and Woods were present.

At the conclusion of the roll call Representative Woods, the member from the Second District, was escorted before the bar to take the oath by Congressman Loud, the senior member of the delegation. Mr. Woods desires to obtain important legislation at the hands of the River and Harbor Committee, and he also hopes to obtain the passage of a resolution to save the "Big Trees." This resolution passed the last Congress, but it was so worded that the Secretary of the Interior found it impossible to carry its provisions into effect. The amended resolution, covering the weak points of the former measure, will be introduced at an early day and passed through the House by the California delegation, and Senator Perkins will use his best endeavors to get it through the Senate.

Representative Metcalf says that he has at least three projects which will occupy his attention during the coming session.

In reference to the matter, he said: "I desire to secure first, an increased appropriation for the improvement of Oakland harbor. I purpose to secure a good sum if possible. Another matter I purpose to look into is why the contracts are not let for the excavating of the tidal canal. An abundance of money has been appropriated, but for some reason unknown to me the contracts have not been let. The progress, or rather lack of progress, upon the Oakland public buildings is far from satisfactory, and I intend to call upon the Supervising Architect at once to see if the work on this structure cannot be hastened."

Representative Needham is preparing a bill which he will introduce providing an appropriation of \$250,000 for the erection of a public building at Fresno.

## St. Augustine's Bazaar.

The various booth committees in charge of the affair are:

Fancy work—Mamie Hall, Evelyn Rust, Alma Francis, Grace Folger.

Common work—Dana Rice, Jessie Hammond, Amy Tuson.

Doll booth—Maude Lory, Laura Tuson.

Japanese tea and coffee booth—Mrs. C. Lory, Mrs. M. Parker.

Grab bag—Marion Rust, Bertha Eudey, Susie Lawton, Ora Angove.

Candy booth—Emily Angove, Vivian Kent, Inez Eudey.

Fruit stand—Amy Clark, Florence Crocker.

Lemonade, soda drinks, ice cream stand—Willie Tuson, Benny Spagnoli, Gilbert Voorheis.

Peanut stand—Whitney Rust.

## Red Riding Hood.

Following is the programme of the cantata, to be given Saturday evening, Dec. 15, at 8 p. m.

## PART FIRST.

Solo—Mr. James Dye.

Quartet—Selected.

Dialogue—Miss Mamie Hall and Miss Rice.

Mandolin solo—Mrs. Smith.

Solo—Miss Faulk.

Duet—William and Cleve Jones.

Solo—Mrs. Alken.

Solo—Edwin Rust.

## PART SECOND.

Red Riding Hood—Miss M. Lory.

Mother—Miss Evelyn Rust.

Queen—Miss Alma Francis.

Wolf—Edwin Rust.

The Fairies are: Agnes Dwyer, Inez Eudey, Susie Lawton, Amy Tuson, Emily Angove, Ora Angove, Florence Crocker, Amy Clark, Vivian Kent, Oda Ginochio, Marion Rust, Celia Ladar, Hazel Quirolo.

## Funeral of Thomas Cunningham.

The funeral of Thomas Cunningham, which was held in Stockton, Nov. 29, was the largest function of the kind in the history of that county. There were nearly 500 lodgers in line, together with peace officers from all parts of the State. The ordeal was too much for Sheriff Purvis of Stanislaus county, and he fainted three times while passing through the house with the file viewing the remains of his old friend.

## Uncalled-for Letters.

Letters remaining undelivered in the Jackson, Cal., Postoffice, for the week ending December 7, 1900:

Labertin, Peter  
Ricks, Thomas  
Eddy, Edward  
Hoggar, George  
Hicks, Henry  
Jensen, Carol C.  
Weller, Mrs. Annie  
Lucas, S. H.  
Giusto, Mrs. D.  
Turner, Clarence H.

## G. C. FOLGER, Postmaster.

## Decision Reversed.

Justice Brewer rendered an opinion on Monday, reversing with costs the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of California in the case of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York vs. Tyne Cohen of San Francisco. Justice McKenna presented a dissenting opinion.

E. Muldoon, of Oakland, has been visiting with his son, M. E. Muldoon, and family, for several days past.

Christmas Cards for 1900 and Calendars for 1901 now on sale at the E. G. Freeman Co.

Constable Kelly caught the man accused of bovine stealing at Mokelumne Hill and held him in jail.

Ione is noted for several good things, but more especially for the best flour in the market—try Peerless. 8-24-tf

W. P. Peek, proprietor of the new stage line between Jackson and Standard (Electric plant), will begin operation next Monday. Fare, \$1.00 each way; distance, eight miles.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Interesting Session of the Old Board.

## BOOKS OF COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE EXPEDITED

## Superintendent of Hospital, County Physician and Health Officer Resigned.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held Dec. 3, 1900, the following proceedings were had to wit:

Roll call—present, A. B. McLaughlin, chairman, P. Dwyer, J. T. Clifton, M. Brinn, Fred B. LeMoine.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Following claims ordered paid:

**CURRENT EXPENSE FUND.**

Thos. LeMoine, witness fees.	1.00
P. Rabb, rebate on taxes.	3.31
Western Union T. Co., rebate on taxes.	1.00
Sunset T. & C. Co., phone bill records.	7.00
M. F. Connors, fumigating supplies.	12.00
A. Carls, guard, election supplies.	12.00
Garbaird Bros., repairs.	4.75
Hiberty & Giovannioli, burglar and fire alarm.	10.00
Dr. A. G. Hall, examining inmate.	7.00
W. C. Golden, witness fees.	3.25
G. A. Grifton, coroner fees.	15.50
W. G. Galt, janitor and washing sheeting.	13.75
W. L. Leithard, labor at Court House.	18.00
J. W. Love, fixing polling places.	25.00
H. L. Crocker Co., record books.	39.30
P. Kelly, witness fees.	2.00
H. Golden, justice fees.	21.00
John B. H. Galt, witness fees.	2.00
C. W. Palm Co., citation supplements for judge and dist. atty.	5.00
Dr. H. B. Scott, exam. inmate.	10.00
W. P. Parker, night watchman.	10.00
W. Brown, repairing booths.	25.00
C. R. Hightower, water Court House.	37.71
Chichicola Estate Co., supplies for sick.	27.00
Dr. C. A. Crain, witness fees.	2.00
Amador Dispatch, county printing.	33.40
A. J. Coster, supplies for fumigating.	3.40
C. E. Gregory, boarding prisoners.	90.00
C. E. Fournier, election booths.	70.00
Dr. A. G. Hall, examining inmate.	7.00
F. B. LeMoine, mileage.	4.00
A. B. McLaughlin.	6.00
T. C. Clifton.	6.00
G. A. Gordon, traveling expenses.	43.75
W. S. Gilbert, 1 election booth.	2.50
W. L. Leithard, repairs and fixtures.	12.00
B. Previtali, 24 1/2 cds wood.	159.25
W. Scott, witness fees.	12.00
J. G. Gas Co., gas and fixtures 3 mos.	11.80
Garbaird & Co., rebate on taxes.	61.25
Joe Ratto, witness fees.	2.00
Capital T. & C. Co., phone dist. atty.	3.50
F. G. Freeman Co., ledger.	10.00
J. L. Godfrey, repairs and fixtures.	12.00
B. Baeglebach, cabin destroyed fumigating.	40.00
Dr. A. G. Hall, examining inmate.	7.00
Dr. W. A. Norman, holding autopsy.	30.00
W. Scott, burying indigent person.	20.00
Dr. B. E. Endicot, health officer.	30.00
J. G. Adams, electric lights.	3.00
J. T. Clifton, wood.	10.00
G. Ginochio & Co., supplies.	133.40
D. T. Gray, constable fees.	9.00

## HOSPITAL FUND.

R. F. Allen, sup.	75.00
A. B. Gilbert, conveying patient.	7.00
R. A. Stewart.	4.00
M. F. Connors, rubber stamps.	4.00
Mrs. R. F. Allen, matron.	30.00
J. O. Otero, vegetable.	1.00
Thomas & Eudey, meats.	1.50
J. G. Adams, electric lights.	1.50
J. T. Clifton, witness fees.	1.00
W. Schroder, digging graves, etc.	14.00
J. G. Gas Co., gas 2 mos.	11.80
B. B. Cannetti, bail.	9.00
B. Ginochio & Co., physicians.	130.15
Dr. B. E. Endicot, health officer.	30.00
G. A. Gordon, 1st class clothing.	44.80
Sunset T. & C. Co., phone.	3.50
J. White, witness fees.	2.00
R. F. Allen, extension bill.	4.00
Mrs. J. T. Turner, washing.	4.00
B. E. Endicot, wood.	130.00

## SALARY FUND.

A. B. McLaughlin, road commissioner.	25.00
J. T. Clifton.	25.00
M. Brinn.	25.00
F. B. LeMoine.	25.00

## GENERAL BRIDGE FUND.

Fred B. LeMoine, lumber, etc.	37.75
G. Ginochio & Co., bro.	173.35
W. C. Littlefield.	27.35
J. T. Clifton.	25.00
A. B. McLaughlin, labor and lumber.	25.75

## ROAD FUND.

Hawley Bros., damages R. D. 2.	34.00
Hawley Bros.	34.00
W. Dwyer, labor R. D. 1.	24.00
B. Ginochio & Co., bro. supplies R. D. 1.	17.35
F. B. LeMoine, labor R. D. 5.	47.50
A. B. McLaughlin, labor R. D. 5.	25.00
J. T. Clifton, labor R. D. 2.	27.00

## SPECIAL ROAD FUND.

M. Brinn, labor Jackson-Ione road.	180.94
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Following claims were rejected:

Jas. Craze, rent for polling place.

Jas. Mussett.

A. Mellow, conveying patient.

Criminal returns of H. Golden, J. H. Giles and John Blower approved.

Moved and carried that claim of John Labau, rejected at the last meeting, be reconsidered and allowed for \$35.

Reports of Treasurer, Health Officer and Physician approved and filed.

Geo. A. Gordon appeared before the Board in relation to renting the Jackson school house for the purpose of holding the teachers' examination.

Petition of C. W. Swain to have the liquor license of Mrs. Bertha Geyson revoked. Matter laid over until next meeting.

The following applications for liquor licenses granted: T. Blair at Amador City; P. Giuliani and J. S. Giannini at Jackson; J. Tonzi, at Ione.

Application of J. S. Randolph for liquor license laid over until next meeting.

Ordered that all members of Boards of elections be allowed \$6 per day and 40 cents per mile for delivering returns.

Matter of repairing the bridge across the Cosumnes river. Clerk instructed to notify Board of Supervisors of El Dorado county that the Board will examine the bridge.

Petition of H. O. Comstock for permission to place patent gates on the McCulloch lane in road district No. 5. Matter laid over until next meeting.

Resolution presented by Supervisor J. T. Clifton to employ R. C. Cole to expert the books and accounts of the county officers for the years 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900 for the sum of \$125 per year.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes—Dwyer, Clifton, McLaughlin, LeMoine. No—Brinn.

Resignation of Dr. E. E. Endicot as county physician and health officer to take place on December 15, 1900, read.

Moved by Supervisor LeMoine that the resignation be not accepted.

Motion seconded and upon vote lost.

Resignation of R. F. Allen as superintendent of hospital to take place on Dec. 15, 1900.

Moved by Supervisor LeMoine that the resignation be not accepted.

Motion seconded and upon vote lost.

Moved and seconded that the resignations of county physician, health officer and superintendent of hospital be accepted.

Carried by following vote: ayes—Dwyer, Clifton, McLaughlin.

Recess until 7 p. m.

Board convened at 7 p. m. with all its members present. The following proceedings were had:

Matter of the Incorporation of the town of Jackson, Cal. Former order

fixing time for special election is rescinded.

Moved by Supervisor LeMoine and carried that the resolution employing R. C. Cole as expert be reconsidered.

**WARRANTS CANCELLED.**



## ONLY A CROOKED CENT.

When the Young Woman Thought It Was Gold, She Got None.

The car had just rounded "dead man's curve" at Fourteenth street, when a daintily clad young woman swished something out of her hand which as it struck the street was followed by a sharp metallic sound.

"What was that you threw away, my dear?" asked her companion, another girl about the same age.

"Money," laconically responded the thrower.

"Money?" continued her companion in a horrified tone of voice. "Why, it sounded like gold."

"My gracious!" shrieked the thrower. "Have I thrown away one of those goldpieces?"

By this time several of the passengers had arisen from their seats and were looking in an indignant way at the conductor for not stopping the car. He, however, was one of those high collared, stoical young men who boss things on the Broadway cars, and the excitement created by the money thrower did not cause him to turn a hair. All this time the car was moving as merrily along as Broadway cars ever do, and it was getting farther and farther away from the money. One or two of the passengers were about to jump off the car, but then they thought better of it and turned their eyes anxiously on the young woman, who was hunting frantically through her purse. Just as it seemed the strain would be too much for the excited passengers to bear longer, the fair thrower looked up smilingly at her companion and murmured sweetly:

"It's all right, my dear. It wasn't a goldpiece after all."

"What was it, then?" asked the second young woman.

"Only a crooked penny," replied the thrower. "I always throw away crooked pennies for luck."

Then both girls softly giggled, while the other passengers, looking both foolish and disgusted, resumed their seats.

—New York Tribune.

## Origin of "Under the Rose."

In Greek mythology the rose was the symbol of silence, as it was said that Cupid, the son of Venus, gave the god of silence a golden rose as a bribe to conceal the amours of the goddess of love. It was, therefore, sculptured on the ceilings of banqueting halls and placed as a sign above the doors of questionable resorts. Guests at feasts were able to converse in confidence, and their conversations while in their cups were not to be repeated elsewhere.

The phrase obtained currency in Greece after Pausanias, the admiral of the Greek fleet, plotted with Xerxes to betray the cause of the Greeks by surrendering the ships, the negotiations being conducted in a small banqueting hall, the roof of which was, as usual, covered with sculptured roses. The plot, however, was discovered and orders given for the arrest of the traitor. Pausanias endeavored to make his escape in a temple which possessed the right of asylum. Unwilling to violate the sanctity of the place by forcibly removing him and still more unwilling to allow him to escape, his fellow citizens wallied up every entrance and, by one account, left him to die of starvation; by another, killed him by unroofing the building and throwing down the tiles on his head.

## A Lazy Beggar.

I once had a conversation, said an Isle of Man bank manager, speaking of Hall Caine, with two old friends of mine, a farmer and his buxom wife, who live within a few yards of Grebla castle, the great Manx author's residence. Hall Caine had just taken up his abode in his new house, and I started the conversation by saying to the worthy farmer and wife:

"So you have the great Hall Caine now?"

Farmer and Wife—Aye, man.

Farmer's Wife—And what tremendous style they are keeping! It's amazing.

Farmer—And what's he doing for a living, Mr. —?

Bank Manager (greatly astonished)—What, don't you know he is a popular author?

Farmer—And what's that?

Bank Manager—Why, he writes successful books.

Farmer (with a fine show of contempt)—The lazy beggar!

I need hardly say, concluded my correspondent, that I collapsed.

## Time as a Sculptor.

A portrait traced by nature on a woman's tombstone, says The Scots Pictorial, has recently been discovered in Jedburgh graveyard, near the famous abbey. The stone was erected in 1708 by a worthy ballie of Jethart to the memory of his wife, Alison Renwick. The slow finger of time has worn away most of the facing on the front of the stone, and part of it is overgrown with moss, which has outlined the features. Local opinion favors the view that the face is a likeness of the good old lady who sleeps beneath, a theory which has at least the merit of being difficult of disproof, since no one living can possibly have seen her.

## Carrying Out the Rule.

"Some editor who has been giving advice to people on how to live to be old says that one of the main rules to follow is to go away from the table at each meal feeling as if you could eat more."

"Well, say, if that's right, every fellow at our boarding house ought to live to be a hundred!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Too Lively.

Mr. Cortossel—I can't understand these here theater troopers.

Mr. Meddger—What is the matter?

Mr. Cortossel—Why, they advertised this here drummer of "The Black Vow of Vengeance" as having plenty of life in it, an blame if they didn't kill 16 people in th' first act.—Baltimore American.

## Socrates Tripped.

"No one," gravely announced Socrates, "can arrest the flight of time."

"No?" quizzically inquired a bystander. "I thought anybody could stop a minute." And even the disciples of the great philosopher were forced to smile behind their togas.—Philadelphia Record.

With the exception of Norway, there is no country in Europe whose area is so taken up by forests as Germany, more than a quarter of its surface being devoted to them.

## Chinese Riddles.

What is the fire that has no smoke and the water that has no fish?

A glowworm's fire has no smoke, and water has no fish.

Mention the name of an object with two months which travels by night and not by day.

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